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The City Deficit and the Proposed Bond Issue.

In commenting on the state of the city finances and the proposed bond issue to meet the deficit that will occur this year, the Register goes out of its way to grossly misrepresent the situation and to deliberately mislead its readers regarding the causes of the discrepancy between the estimated receipts and expenditures. The motive for this dishonest course on the part of the Register is found in its effort to fix the sole responsibility for the deficit on the Republican council, and in its further charge that a Republican council will unnecessarily increase the city debt.

The latter statement is untrue, since, even if the \$50,000 loan is made, there will be no increase of the debt, but an actual decrease, as \$85,000 of the principal and interest of the debt is to be paid; or \$50,000 more than the proposed loan.

In regard to the responsibility for the situation, the Register, and everybody else, knows that the present council is in no wise chargeable with it, and every man who has a knowledge of city affairs knows the Register's statement is the rankest partisan demagoguery. The truth of the matter is that the deficit which now confronts council, and which it must provide for, is a legacy from the late Democratic administration. One item of \$14,000, for instance, is in the shape of back bills for the gas board. Another item of \$8,000 is in the shape of two electric light bonds, one of which should have been paid in 1893, and the other was due last year. Another \$15,000 item is a bill incurred in 1893 for the gas board for coal, which should have been paid that year and was paid by robbing an appropriation which was made for the stone bridge, leaving a deficiency. The present council has made no appropriations, except the monthly appropriations for departmental expenses, based on the appropriations of last year.

Again, when the Register states that the last Democratic council left a surplus of \$26,000 in the treasury it asserts what is not true. The apparent surplus in the treasury statement had no existence. It represented money that had been appropriated to pay a balance on the stone bridge (\$19,000) and for various other purposes, but which had not been paid because there were no funds. Those appropriations still remain unpaid and are a part of the deficit which the Democratic council left for the Republican council to provide for. Last year, also, \$5,000 was taken from the contingent fund of the board of public works and used to meet current expenses in other departments. It is very clearly apparent, therefore, that the Democratic council not only did not leave an actual surplus in the treasury, but bequeathed to its Republican successor an enormous deficit, which that body now proposes to meet in a manly way.

Now, the situation is just this: There is, or will be, a deficit this year of nearly \$50,000, owing to the fact that obligations due long before the present council came in were not paid. It will have to be met in an honorable manner. There should be no shifting of responsibility, and if a loan is the only way out of it, then a loan must be made. If the Register will take a business view of the matter, instead of attempting to make a senseless partisan point, it will help to relieve the strain its party created.

The commencement season begins in earnest this week, and the "fair girl graduates," and the "future statesmen" will have their innings.
A Campaign of Education.
The joint discussion of the silver question between W. H. Harvey (author of "Coin's Financial School") and Russell G. Horr, of New York, which is to occur in Chicago next month, will be of more than usual interest, not only because it will be on a subject that is absorbing everybody's attention, but because of the novel plan under which it will be conducted.
The old style of oratorical debate, which seldom accomplishes anything more than to arouse the enthusiasm of the partisans of the respective champions, will be ignored entirely. The contestants will sit facing each other on the stage, in the presence of judges, and when one affirms a proposition, the other will cross-examine him, and all the questions and answers will be taken by a stenographer for publication in newspapers. In this way every point

that can possibly be made on either side of the financial question will be brought out, so far as the disputants are able to do it, and those who are seeking instruction will thus be benefited.
Few public questions have aroused greater interest among the people than the money issue, and everywhere the people are seeking knowledge about it. They want to be on the right side, regardless of partisan politics, because all realize how closely connected the question of a proper currency system is to their welfare.

This anxiety on the part of the common people to learn for themselves and not to depend on party leaders to do their thinking for them, is a healthy sign. It insures that the campaign for sound money will be one of education, and that when the people come to vote they will be able to cast their ballots intelligently. They will better understand the financial question than they did when the cheap money agitation began. Such an intelligent understanding of the effect that would follow inflation saved the country from the green-back craze years ago, and will likely save it from this latest form of flat money agitation. Discussions like the one arranged for in Chicago will contribute their share to so desirable a result.

Now that Senator Elkins has denied the report that he announced his presidential preference at the Depew dinner in New York, the political gossips and speculators have had another of their pretty stories spoiled for them.

West Virginia and the Republican League.

A dispatch from Cleveland, Ohio, regarding the coming convention of the National Republican League, refers to the delegation that West Virginia will send and says: "This is the first time West Virginia has made any effort to be represented at a National League convention." This statement is unjust to the Republicans of this state, because it isn't true. West Virginia was present at the birth of the National League, and was one of the first in the union to form a state organization. Since then she has been represented in every national convention.

The state conventions in West Virginia have always been notable for their size and enthusiasm, and the splendid victory achieved last November, when the solid south became a thing of the past, was due, in a great measure, to the splendid organization and work of the League.

West Virginia Republicans are firm believers in the efficacy of club organization, and their club work has been a valuable aid to the regular party organization. The delegation that will appear at the Cleveland convention will be in a position to give the delegations from other states some valuable pointers regarding what can be accomplished by the League idea.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Olney to the secretary of state, it is said that the President has all along had great respect for his advice in shaping the foreign policy, and that he was often called into conference with Mr. Gresham and Mr. Cleveland. This doubtless accounts for his selection to fill the place left vacant by the death of Mr. Gresham, and indicates that the un-American policy which was adopted early by the administration will be followed out on the same lines.

A letter from Lieutenant Brauner, written to a friend in this city, appears in another column. It will doubtless be read with great interest, not only because the writer is well known in this community, where he was connected with the Linsley Institute, but because the letter is both interesting and instructive.

A bill before the British parliament imposes a fine of \$500 and loss of suffrage for five years on any one disseminating slanders against a candidate for office. Such a law in this country would suppress an enormous industry which has been built up by the enterprising campaign liar.

Eastman Johnson's portrait of Ex-President Harrison, painted for the White House gallery of Presidents, shows him with his whiskers "cropped" short and the verdict of most of the critics is that this new style of wearing his beard has improved his appearance.

The news that Senator Brice is heading a movement to nominate Campbell for governor will not strengthen that gentleman's boom. Just now a very large contingent of the Ohio Democracy is busily engaged in the work of trying to kill off Mr. Brice himself.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Cincinnati Times Star.
It would improve the flavor of Spanish apologies somewhat if they could be expedited so as to arrive during the lifetime of the statesmen entitled to receive them.

New York Advertiser.
And the Honey Combing.

Since the Springfield convention we assume that the silver mines of Illinois will take new life and activity. We can almost hear the great crushers crashing and the smelters spouting.

It Does, Indeed.

New York Press.
What the country wants in the state department is a secretary who will be something more than an understudy for Mr. Cleveland.

There Will Be No Democrats Then.

With the Democrats of one section threatening to hold the ticket unless the platform declares for silver, and those of another section also proposing to leave the ranks unless a gold standard is adopted, the indications point to a whole new era of brand new Republicans for the next federal elections.

A Portentous Twenty Time.

The lord mayor of London and the Afghan prince, Naurin Khan, had a lovely time at their meeting yesterday. The lord mayor made an address of welcome to the prince in English, which the latter could not understand, and

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when this delicate mark of favor had been shown, the prince responded in a language which the lord mayor had never heard before. In this way both dignitaries were assured that the feeling between their respective constituencies was as cordial as before, and then the loving cup was passed 'round. It was the only thing, by the way, that was passed 'round that was mutually understood.

A Grateful Change.
Chicago Tribune.
It is a grateful change to see an American newspaper here and there publishing in serial form reminiscences of George Washington.

A REMARKABLE EXPLOSION.
A Keg of Powder Blows Up in a Store, and, Strange to Say, Little Damage is Done.
To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

Sir:—I see in the Grafton Sentinel of to-day an account of the explosion in L. S. Sinsel's store on Thursday, May 30, about six o'clock. I will give a plain statement of the facts, some of which seem incredible. His store is twenty by forty feet, and ceiling ten feet high. It is divided into two rooms, the back room ten feet wide. Mr. Sinsel weighed two pounds of blasting powder for Mr. Luther Curry, from a keg which had in it seven or eight pounds. Mr. Curry asked how to use the keg to fire it. Mr. Sinsel, leaving the powder in the scales and the keg upon the counter, stepped forward six feet or more with his back to them and lit the fuse, and instead of its going out the door as he expected, it shot back toward the scales. The powder in the scales exploded, then what remained in the keg. The joists supporting the roof were notched on the plates, and nailed fast to them with ten penny nails. It raised the roof on the east side twenty-five feet along the plate, just high enough to draw the nails and force the walls out about two inches and then settled back on the plate, doing no damage to the building. It only required two hours work to break off the nails and with prop and lever force the wall in, and it settled back in the notches and you could not tell that it had ever been disturbed.

On that side of the building are the drugs and small hardware, and, strange to say, nothing was thrown down or displaced but two bottles of medicine, one of which was broken. In the wall that was forced out, within six feet of the scales containing powder, there was a window and two hanging lamps, and others in the room, none of which were disturbed. Not one thing in the building was displaced except the two bottles referred to, and some paper sacks that caught fire, and the door which was forced shut with the flash and smoke, breaking the tension of the lock-rail and forcing the end out about one-half inch.

It is a double door, with panel work outside, and lined inside, solid work, with four iron battens. I repaired the door with another iron batten, which made it as strong as it ever was, and it is very little defaced. The damage to the goods was nothing but the trouble of dusting, cleaning out and repainting. The damage done to the building was repaired by a man seventy-eight years of age, at a cost of \$1.25 to himself and nothing to his son. The greatest damage was to Mr. Curry and my son, who were burned about the face and hands, but not seriously.

H. SINSSEL.

West Virginians Celebrate.

Chicago Tribune of June 5.
The West Virginia Society's second annual entertainment will take place to-day at 1 o'clock at Washington park near the boat house. It will be an old-fashioned family picnic and basket dinner. The committee of arrangements consists of Gen. E. Wissler, Edwin R. Bolley, Edward S. Elliott, Olney B. Stuart, William C. Van Gilder. The officers are: President, the Rev. Hiram W. Thomas; secretary, James E. Browne; and the executive committee includes Edwin M. Ashcroft, Dr. Belle C. Eskridge, the Rev. R. H. Dooliver, Miss Alice Byrne, Edward S. Elliott, Miss Clara C. Hagans, and Howard S. Ogden. A reception committee of over twenty prominent members of the society will be on the grounds.

JUNE JESTS.

"I see that the weather bureau predicts a cold wave."
"Does it?" replied the disconsolate man.
"Of course. That cheers you up a bit, doesn't it?"
"No. It doesn't do any good. I don't believe in the faith-cure."—Washington Star.

A story is told of a certain committee meeting in which the proceedings commenced with noise and gradually became uproarious. At last one of the disputants, losing all control over his emotions, exclaimed to his opponent: "Sir, you are, I think, the biggest ass I ever had the misfortune to set eyes upon!" "Order! order!" said the chairman, gravely; "you seem to forget that I am in the room."—Hanschild Works.

Medium—"Now, ladies and gentlemen, if there is any spirit you wish to see, let me know." Prof. Drichbone (noted Egyptologist)—"Can you show us Cheops, the builder of the great pyramid?" Medium—"Certainly." Prof. Drichbone—"Glorious! I will take him in his own language." Medium (hastily)—"Cheops says he has the grip and can't come."—New York Weekly.

"Hinnery Clay," said Mr. Dolan, "was a great man." "He was that same," replied Mrs. Dolan. "He was that great a man," her husband went on, "that he had a cigar named after him." "There for you. Only two or three. Two a pop."—Washington Star.

Presiding Magistrate—"How came you to enter the premises?" Prisoner—"Please, your worship, 2 a. m.; no noise about; an open window on the ground floor—you would have chucked in yourself?"—Plebeian Blade.

"What has become of your club, Harry?" "Oh, it's broken up. We made a rule that no boy could be president twice, and after we'd all been president once, we could not go on with it."—Hurry's Journal.

The King's Daughters of the Fourth street M. E. church will hold a Lawn Fete at the residence of Mrs. John List, No. 821 Main street, Tuesday evening. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Music by the Opera House orchestra. Admission 10 cents.

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